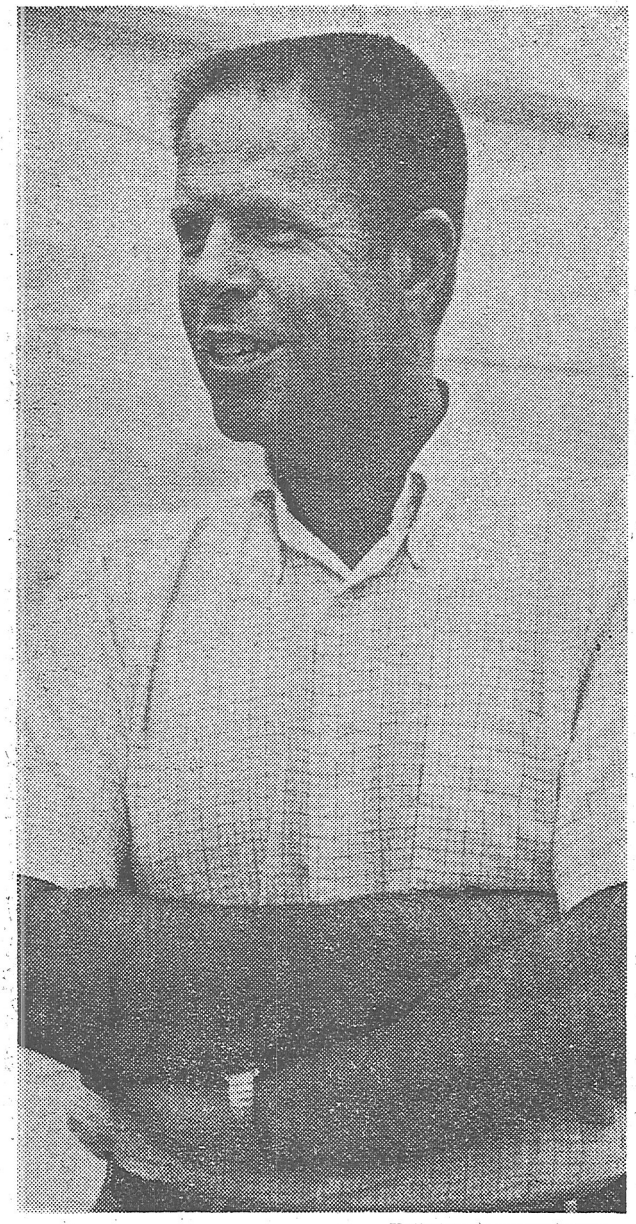

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H. R. Haldeman currently spends his days at a $750,000 estate in Newport Beach, Calif. The home is owned by Haldeman's stock broker-friend Warren Crowell.

California Estate Lent to Haldeman

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LOS ANGELES, June 28 —H. R. Haldeman is living rent-free in a $750,000 bay-front home in Newport Beach, a wealthy residential colony 40 miles south of Los Angeles.

Haldeman, his wife, Jo, and two of their children are sunning, sailing and watching the Watergate hearings in their temporary home, he said in a telephone interview today.

Haldeman, who resigned in April as President Nixon's closest White House lieutenant, moved from Washington early this month to remove his family from the tense atmosphere created by the various Watergate inquiries, in which he is a central figure.

Haldeman said that a friend, Los Angeles stock broker Warren H. Crowell, offered the Newport Beach House, which is up for sale, until the Haldemans could find a permanent home.

"I'm not paying any rent on it," said Haldeman. "It belongs to an old family friend and nobody's using it right now."

Haldeman said he was spending his time watching the hearings, being with his family, sailing and assembling his papers from the White House years. He said he has given no thought yet to finding another job.

He would not comment on the Watergate probe, but said that "when it is over" he would be willing to discuss the "tragic tendency to overlook the history-making period of really important things."

"To lose sight of that for something that was wrong, but for something blown way out of proportion, is unfortunate," he added.

The Crowell house, complete with boatdock, is in a private enclave called Harbor Island, overlooking Newport Bay. The five bedroom home, along with two parcels of property, is listed for sale at $750,000.

Newport Beach is in Orange County, the home of many wealthy Republicans and Nixon friends, among them Herbert Kalmbach, former personal lawyer to the President. It is about 50 miles north of San Clemente.